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To: Field Managers

From: State Director

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The National Training Center (NTC) will be hosting a 3-hour Interactive Satellite Push-to-Talk workshop, entitled Fire and Resources Strategic Issues Update. Refer to NTC Information Bulletin No. TC-2005-35 for more information on the workshop. This session is scheduled for May 12, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MDT.

The focus of this interactive workshop will be on the President's Healthy Forest Initiative and the Healthy Forests Restoration Act tools and initiatives. Topics will include information and discussion on:

- Fire Management Categorical Exclusions (CXs)
- Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Guidance on Concise Environmental Assessments (EAs)
- Full Force and Effect Regulations for Wildland Fire Management Decisions
- Endangered Species Act (ESA) Alternative Consultation Agreement
- Healthy Forests Restoration Act
- Tribal Forest Protection Act
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Biomass Strategy
- Stewardship Contracting Authority

The target group for this workshop is State Program Leads and key field office leads in: Fuels, Forestry, Range, Wildlife, and Planning and NEPA Coordinators.

Participants for the satellite workshop will need to register online at the NTC homepage at <http://www.ntc.gov> no later than May 2, 2005. The Course Name is Fire and Resources Strategic Issues Update, Course Code is 1730-14, and the Class ID# is 8545.

These topics are relatively new and very important to the BLM in meeting our workload targets and accomplishing our mission. I encourage you to make the necessary arrangements for you and your staff to participate in this satellite session. Interdisciplinary staff who collaborate on project design and implementation should view this broadcast together. The interaction of the team should generate

several key questions that could be posed to the NTC presenters. This is an interactive session and you are encouraged to take advantage of the knowledge base of the NTC presentation team.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Mullaney at (406) 896-2915 or Bill Hensley at (406) 896-5042.

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